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SUBJ: CLOSED PARTY MEETINGS GIVE POST-HELSINKI LINE ON DETENTE

1. A RECENT WESTERN ACADEMIC VISITOR TO CENTRAL ASIA WAS TOLD ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BY INDGENOUS OFFICIALS THAT A SERIES OF CLOSED PARTY MEETINGS IS BEING HELD THROUGHOUT CENTRAL ASIA TO EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HELSINKI CONCLUDING ACT. (WE KNOW THIS MUCH FROM THE PRESS.)
2. WHAT DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE PRESS IS THE INTERPRETATION GIVEN TO THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP. IN BRIEF, THEY ARE BEING TOLD THAT THE CONCLUDING ACT DOES NOT CHANGE LONG-TERM SOVIET GOALS; LENIN'S PRESCRIPTION FOR CLASS CONFLICT REMAINS VALID. HOWEVER, THE ACT IS EXPLICIT RECOGNITION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT TACTICS, I.E. DETENTE, IN ACHIEVING SOVIET GOALS. IN FACT, ANY CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT TACTICS IS EXCLUDED BECAUSE OF THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS. THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE NO RECOURSE TO MILITARY INTERVENTION OR EVEN THREATS SINCE TH S IS REGARDED AS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AT PRESENT.
3. BREZHNEV IS GIVEN FULL CREDIT FOR CSCE AND THE CONCLUDING ACT, BUT THE ADMONITION THAT CURRENT TACTICS DO NOT SIGNIFY A SHIFT FROM LONG-TERM GOALS IS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM.

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